

IPSO Independent Press Standards Organisation

The Independent Press Standards Organisation, the independent regulator of the newspaper and magazine industries in the UK, is looking to fill two role for lay members of its Board.

The new Board members will join the lay majority of 7 on a Board of 12 chaired by the Lord (Edward) Faulks QC.

The appointment will be made by IPSO's Appointment Panel, chaired by the Rt Hon Lord (David) Triesman.

Remuneration: £6,840.00 for approx. 12 days per year

Job description

1. The Board is responsible for oversight of IPSO. Board Directors will support the Chair to:
 - set the vision and strategic direction of IPSO;
 - monitor IPSO's performance against its objectives, ensuring that it operates efficiently and with appropriate governance controls in place;
 - help develop IPSO's regulatory philosophy, approach and culture; and
 - appoint new members to IPSO's Complaints Committee as vacancies arise.
2. The role of the Board Directors is to advise, guide, challenge and support the staff/executive team using their experience, qualifications and skills. This will include appraising performance, challenging approaches and judgements and scrutinising delivery of the work of IPSO.
3. In cases of suspected serious and systematic wrongdoing, IPSO's Board will have the power to open a Standards Investigation. In cases of serious and systematic wrongdoing, it will have the power to levy fines of up to £1m.
4. Board members are expected to uphold IPSO's Code of Conduct for Board members and to manage properly any conflicts of interest which may arise in relation to outside appointments and current or previous professional roles.

Person specification

5. Candidates for this role will bring:

- experience gained through senior experience in public or commercial life;
- a record of acting with personal integrity and independence of thought;
- a strong commitment to freedom of expression and to upholding high editorial standards;
- an appreciation of the changes taking place in the media environment and the challenges and opportunities they pose for the maintenance of high editorial standards in journalism; and
- an understanding of the principles underlying good governance.

6. IPSO expects all Board members to act and form judgments independently, regardless of whether they have experience working in the newspaper or magazine industry.

7. A Director of IPSO may not be a serving editor of a body which is or could be a Regulated Entity. S/he also may not be a serving member of the House of Commons, the United Kingdom Government, the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly, the Welsh Government, the Northern Ireland Assembly or the Northern Ireland Executive. Because this is a lay role, candidates should not have a recent (last 20 years) connection to any publisher that is or could be regulated by IPSO.